

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1229

By Thompson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Reverend Bassil Gardner Brooks upon the occasion of his forty-second year of ministering.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly take pleasure in recognizing those ministers who devote their lives to serving their congregations and communities through an unwavering dedication to a higher calling; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Reverend Bassil Gardner Brooks, who is celebrating forty-two years of ministering in the Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, Bassil Brooks was born in Eads on March 10, 1941, to Charlie and Sadie Brooks; he is a 1961 graduate of Mount Pisgah High School in Cordova; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks continued his education at a number of religious and secular institutions throughout his life, including Rust College, Brewster Theological Seminary, and the Tennessee School of Religion; he also participated in the American Oil Management Course; and

WHEREAS, after serving as the general superintendent for Vollintine Baptist Church in Memphis, Bassil Brooks accepted the call to the ministry in 1974; he began pastoring at Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Cordova in January 1975; and

WHEREAS, currently, Reverend Brooks is the pastor at Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, having served in this capacity since March 1976; he is also the pastor and spiritual leader of the Mt. Pisgah Inner-City Outreach Ministry; and

WHEREAS, in the course of his duties over the years, Reverend Brooks served as moderator of the Zion District Association from 2003 to 2005, vice president of the Baptist

Ministerial Alliance from 2004 to 2005, and president of the Baptist Ministerial Alliance from 2005 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many talents and abilities, Bassil Brooks received an honorary degree from the Tennessee School of Religion in 2003; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty-one years, Mr. Brooks served ABF Trucking Company with acumen and alacrity, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he is also the owner of M.C. Outreach Day Care and various real estate properties in both Fayette and Shelby counties; he previously owned and operated an American Oil Gas Station and a Gulf Oil Gas Station from 1970 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, a husband, father, and grandfather, Reverend Bassil Brooks is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize the importance that faith plays in the lives of many Tennesseans, and it is wholly appropriate that we applaud the devoted efforts of this dedicated Christian; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Reverend Bassil Gardner Brooks upon the occasion of his forty-second year of ministering, salute his many contributions to the Baptist Church, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.